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1. Individual jet aircraft were first seen over GORKI (43°10' E/
56°15' N) in the fall of 1948. Description: Length about
26 feet, metal fuselage strongly tapering off towards the rear,
rounded nose with an air intake about 20 inches diameter. Mid-
wing monoplane with pronounced sweepback, Tip at leading
edge rounded, at trailing edge square, span about 40 feet,
sweptback elevator assembly, high and wide rudder with
slanting leading edge.
2. A plane of this type was observed for 1 to 2 hours over GORKI
several times a week in the fall of 1948. No flying with
this type was noticed during the winter. This model again
appeared about April 1949 but now in greater number and every
day. One or two of these planes were almost continually seen
over the town.

Comment:

Report may be considered a confirmation of the production of jet fighters. There certainly were test flights during the winter, although probably on a lesser scale.

Numerous reports have been received on increased testing activities since February.

1 Annex: Jet Aircraft Observed Over GORKI.

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